

Failure to Redesign Public Private Partnership contracts

209. SHRI M.V. MYSURAREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has failed in the attempt to redesign Public Private Partnership contracts for the nation's highway building exercise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the number of the projects that have been paralysed;

(c) what will be the policy of Government to award the projects for National Highways; and

(d) the time frame by which these projects are likely to be awarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission, as the Secretariat for Committee on Infrastructure has published a Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for taking up National Highway Projects through Public Private Partnership (PPP).

(c) and (d) The future projects of various phases of National Highway Development Projects (NHDP) are to be awarded mainly through Public Private Partnership (PPP) and target their completion is December, 2015.

Six-lane National Highway in the country

†210. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

MS. SUSHILATIRIYA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert 6700 kms. long four-lane National Highway into a six-lane National Highway;

(b) if so, whether any plan has so far been prepared therefor alongwith details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the plan will be prepared for the purpose;

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(d) by when the work with regard to conversion of National Highway into a six lane highway will be commenced and by when it will be completed; and

(e) the cost of the entire project under National Highway Development Program me-V?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Government has already approved the proposal to convert 6500 km long four lane National Highways into six lane National Highway under National Highway Development Project Phase-V(NHDP-V).

(b) to (d) Award of projects under NHDP Phase-V has commenced in the year 2006-07 and all the project are scheduled to be awarded by 2009-10. The construction time for projects would be 30 to 36 months, and all the projects are targeted to be completed by December, 2012.

(e) The estimated cost of NHDP Phase-V project is Rs. 41,210 crore.

Status of Colachal Port

211. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Colachal port in Tamil Nadu.

(b) whether Government have plans to develop this port; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) Colachel port is a Non-Major port under the control of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Being a Non-Major Port, the responsibility for the development of Colachel port vests in the Government of Tamil Nadu.